National Body for effective energy policy review

846. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was ever considered to form a suitable national body comprising of acknowledged experts in the field for an effective "Energy Policy Review"; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) An Energy Policy Committee has been set up in the Planning Commission to recommend an outline of the energy policy for the next 15-20 years. The members include Secretaries to the Government of India in the Ministries of Power, Coal, Petroleum & Natural Gas, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Environmental & Forests and Department of Atomic Energy. Experts from Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, Tata Energy Research Institute etc. are also associated in the Committee.

Complete Rural electrification in the Country

†847. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government will achieve the target of complete rural electrification in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the States are adopting non-cooperating attitude for the achievement of target; and

(c) if so, the States which are moving towards in the achievement of target of full rural electrification and which are the States lagging behind in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Chief Ministers' Conference held on 3rd March, 2001 had resolved to complete village electrification by the end of Tenth Plan *i.e.* by 2007 and the coverage of all households, by 2012.

(b) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.